PLANT FACT SHEET

Echinocereus coccineus Engelmann

GENUS *Echinocereus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Arizona hedgehog, California hedgehog, Cream-flowered hedgehog, Golden rainbow hedgehog, Mexican claret-cup cactus, White-spined claret-cup cactus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A spiny cactus. They form mounds. These can be 1 m across. The stems are 7 cm across and the offsets form clusters 35 cm across. There are 5-12 ribs. The flowers are red. They are funnel shaped.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It can tolerate temperatures down to -10°C if dry. It grows best in light to medium, well drained soils. It needs an open sunny position.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is normally grown from seed.

NOTES

A large genus. There are about 60 Echinocereus species.

PICTURES



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